2014-2015

GradLink Mentoring Programme

School of Natural Sciences

Connecting Graduates & Students
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Programme Launch

Order of Events

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6:45pm
Students and Mentors arrive

7:00pm
Welcome from the Head of School, Alumni Office, Careers Advisory Service

7:15pm
Mentors share their career experiences

8:15-9:00pm
Mentors and students meet informally

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Students interested in being mentored must complete the GradLink Mentoring Application Form and drop them into the “Mentor Matching” boxes before leaving this evening.

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Thank you!

Thank you to our Graduate Mentors, staff and students for their time, support and enthusiasm.
What is Mentoring?

Mentoring is an interactive learning and educational experience, between alumni and students, to assist students in their personal and career development.

Mentoring in the School of Natural Sciences

The mentors are alumni who have worked for a number of years and at the School’s request have agreed to share their experience and guidance. The mentees are students of the School interested in learning from the mentor’s experiences and being advised, guided and informed by them.

How does the programme work?

During the programme launch, each graduate will give a brief introduction. A reception will be held following this, where students will have the opportunity to speak with mentors one to one or in small groups and to ask questions. At the end of the event students will be asked to fill out a mentor matching form and to indicate a first, second and third choice mentor. Students who wish to participate will be matched with a mentor for the programme. Depending on demand, 1-3 students will be matched to each mentor.

Students and mentors should plan to meet approximately three times between November 2014 and June 2015 or a total of 8-10 hours to maximise the benefit of the programme. Meeting space will be made available in the Global Room, Trinity College Dublin on one to two evenings every month to facilitate these meetings. The Global Room is located in the Watts Building (beside Academic Registry on the first floor).

To facilitate meeting with mentors, the Global Room has been booked on the following dates:

- Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3 December: 5-9pm Mentoring meetings
- Wednesday 4 February: 5-9pm Mentoring meetings
- Wednesday 4 March: 5-9pm Mentoring meetings
- Wednesday 8 April: 5-9pm Mentoring meetings
- Wednesday 6 May: 5-9pm Mentoring meetings
- Wednesday 3 June: 5-9pm Mentoring meetings

Topics of interest to mentees in the past included:

- Researching and exploring particular job roles and sectors
- Deciding on what to do after college
- Review a CV/LinkedIn profile
- Practice job interviews, networking
- Introductions to other professional colleagues
- Finding jobs not advertised
- Exploring postgraduate study
The School of Natural Sciences

The School of Natural Sciences is one of eight Schools in the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science. It brings together the four disciplines (Botany, Geography, Geology, Zoology), the Botanic Gardens, the Centre for the Environment and the Centre for Biodiversity Research. It is one of few truly multidisciplinary schools in the Faculty and is also one of the largest Schools in the College with 40 Academic Staff, 14 Postdoctoral Research Fellows and 164 graduate research students. The School offers a variety of taught Masters courses and contains a number of long-established museums, including the Herbarium in Botany, and the Geological and Zoological Museums, all of which are extensively used in teaching and research.

For more information, visit the School’s website at www.naturalscience.tcd.ie

Mentoring Programme Contacts:

School of Natural Sciences
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Careers Advisory Service
Sean Gannon, Director
Tel: 01 896 2556, Email: sean.gannon@tcd.ie

Alumni Office
Sandra Rafter, Schools Liaison Manager
Tel: 01 896 3337, Email: srafter@tcd.ie

*Catherine is your first point of contact for questions regarding GradLink mentoring

Key Programme Dates for Students:

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Mentor Matching Meetings (to receive your mentor’s contact details and guidance on the programme) will take place in the Global Room, 1st Floor, Watts Building at the following times:

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER
13:30-14:00hrs
OR
14:00-14:30hrs

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TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
12:30-13:00hrs
OR
13:00-13:30hrs

(attendance at ONE of the four mentor matching meetings is MANDATORY for participation)
Careers Advisory Service
Services on Offer

MEETING ALUMNI & EMPLOYERS
- Careers Talks
- Employer Fairs
- Recruiter in Residence Employer led workshops
- Careers Networks at Front Gate Online

POSTGRADUATE STUDY
- Workshops on demystifying the PhD & Personal Statements
- PG Study talks on applying & finding funding

CAREER GUIDANCE
- Confidential one-to-one or small group meeting with your Careers Advisor

JOB SKILLS WORKSHOPS
- Regular Workshops On
  - CV preparation
  - Application forms
  - Interviews
  - Personal statements
  - Assessment centers

FINING JOBS
- Short-term, part-time, internships, work experience & Graduate jobs advertised daily online

ONLINE
- Up to the minute jobs, funding, events & careers information

GUIDANCE TOOLS
- Web-based tools to help sort through your options and focus on what suits you

CLASS WORKSHOPS
- Discipline specific session with your Careers Advisor

TALORED SERVICES
- For Postgraduate, International Students & Students with Disabilities

CAREERS WEEK
- Career Talks in a range of sectors & Employer Skills Sessions

DROP IN CV / LINKEDIN PROFILE CLINIC
- Weekly drop in CV review

PRACTICE INTERVIEW
- Book a practice run for your next interview

Careers Advisory Service
2nd Floor, 7-9 South Leinster St., Trinity College, Dublin 2.
T: 01 896 1721/1705
E: careers@tcd.ie
W: www.tcd.ie/careers

Front Gate Online, Career Network
Where TCD students can connect with TCD Graduates via email to discuss career related topics
W: www.tcd.ie/alumni/frontgateonline
Graduate Profiles

GEOGRAPHY GRADUATES

Name: Anne FitzGerald
Job title: Consultant/Mediator
Organisation: Self Employed
Location: Ireland
Profile:
September 1978 - September 1980: RTE, Audience Research Department - providing audience data for programme makers
October 1980 - October 1997: Forfas, Manager, Science and Technology Statistics collecting data on R&D and technology in Ireland for Irish and EU/OECD policy making
October 1997-November 2012: TCD, Assistant Secretary (1997-2008) and Secretary to the College.
From 2008-2012 - Responsible for legal affairs, governance, secretary to the Board, liaison with external bodies, communications
November 2012 – present: Accredited mediator and consultant on education matters.

Name: Jane Hackett
Job title: National Programme Manager - Travel
Organisation: An Taisce - Environmental Education Unit
Location: Ireland
Profile:
I graduated from Trinity with a BA in Geography and later completed an MSc in Sustainable Development with DIT. I have worked as an Assistant Planner and Sustainable Development Consultant with two private planning and transportation companies, for a period of four years. I've also worked as an independent consultant focusing on environmental education and sustainability. In addition I worked as a climate change and sustainability facilitator with SUAS - Global Issues. I currently manage the Travel theme of the Green-Schools Programme which focuses on environmental action within schools.

Name: Ian Hand
Job Title: GIS and Remote Sensing Analyst
Organisation: Mallon Technology Ltd.
Location: Ireland
Profile:
Upon graduating with a BA (Mod) in Natural Sciences Geography at TCD in 2012, I enrolled in the MSc. GIS and Remote Sensing at NUI Maynooth. In May 2013 I began my internship with Teagasc, Ireland’s Agri-Environmental research institute. Here I applied my working knowledge of Geography, GIS and Remote Sensing, resulting in the production of land-use maps. Upon completion of my internship, I was employed by my current employer Mallon Technology Ltd. As a GIS and Remote Sensing Analyst at Mallon, my specific duties involve various GIS and Remote Sensing analysis for agri-environmental purposes.
Name: Robert McGlynn  
Job title: Director  
Organisation: Davy  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
1993 - 1997: Dublin; Davy Stockbrokers  
1997 - 2003: London; Trio Equity Derivatives and Weather Derivatives  
2003 - present: Dublin; Davy

Name: George McDonnell  
Job title: Project Manager  
Organisation: Independent (on contract with consulting companies, managing European Commission environment projects)  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
After studies in TCD (BA in Geography and Economics) and University of Southern California (Masters in Planning and Masters in Public Administration) - both connected to international development - I returned to Ireland in 1998. I worked for a year as an environmental planner and for three years as a civil servant. I then moved to Estonia in 1993 to manage a European Commission funded contract - helping the Ministry of Environment obtain and use funding for environment projects. Since then I have worked in all 15 former USSR states - as well as Romania, Serbia and Turkey - managing environment and regional development projects connected with future membership of and/or closer relations with the EU.

Name: Orla McManus  
Job title: GIS Consultant  
Organisation: OSI/Esri Ireland  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
After leaving Trinity I completed my MSc in GIS and Remote Sensing in NUI Maynooth which included an internship with Mallon Technology. Following this I was selected for the 2013 IRLOGI (Irish Organisation for Geographic Information) African Volunteer Scheme. This involved a 12 week internship at the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) in Nairobi, Kenya. On my return to Ireland I worked as a GIS Surveyor with Waterways Ireland in Enniskillen. I then took up my current position as a GIS Consultant based in Ordnance Survey Ireland contracted by Esri Ireland.

Name: James O’Brien  
Job title: Business Improvement Specialist  
Organisation: Self-Employed  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
Initially worked for 2 computer companies (one software house + one systems integrator) before moving into business consulting with two accountancy firms in London. Have been a self-employed consultant since 1991, specialising in the Banking, Insurance, Legal, Retail/Wholesale and Telecoms sectors. Client base includes Ireland, the UK, mainland Europe and North America.
Name: Melissa O'Brien
Job title: Director of Photography
Organisation: Freelance
Location: United States
Profile:
New York based Director of Photography. I work on interdisciplinary projects that include commercial, documentary, short film & fine-art installation pieces. Working as a freelance creative, I collaborate on determining the visual approach & delivery of images for interactive social media & classic commercial campaigns. Clients include L'Oréal, Canterbury, Sunsilk, Project (RED), Bobbi Brown & most recently Apple. Documentaries have taken me to India, Africa & Intel hired me for a piece about International Science Fair students in Argentina & Malaysia.
www.melissacobrien.com
GEOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES GRADUATES

Name: David Ball  
Job title: Hydrogeologist  
Organisation: -  
Location: Ireland  
Profile: 
MSc in hydrogeology at University College London 1972. Worked as a hydrogeologist in multi-disciplinary teams for two firms of consultants for the first 20 years, and solo for the last 20 years. Worked on groundwater resource exploration and development and village water supplies across the Sahel, Arabia and SE Asia and Ireland. Currently drilling water supply wells for towns in the midlands and farmers in the south east, and supporting hydrogeologists working for NGOs in other parts of the World.

Name: John Colthurst  
Job title: Owner  
Organisation: Consultant Geologist  
Location: Ireland  
Profile: 
Completed a PhD in TCD in 1977. Worked for Dresser Minerals (1976-1980), then Billiton (1980-1984). I have been a self employed Consultant geologist since 1984. I specialise in conducting mineral exploration programmes for clients and have done work for many companies including Cominco, Central Mining Finance, Anglo American and Lisheen Mine.

Name: Leo Fusciardi  
Job title: Vice President Technical and Evaluation  
Organisation: De Beers Mining, Canada  
Location: Canada  
Profile: 
Leo is the Vice President of Technical and Evaluation for De Beers Canada based in Toronto. He has extensive mining industry experience, over 25 years, working in Europe, Southern Africa, Australia, South America and Canada. He has been involved at all levels in mining, exploration and mineral project evaluation in gold, base metals, mineral sands and diamonds. He has a TCD Geology degree, a MSc from Leicester University and an MBA from La Trobe University in Australia. He is an Ontario and Irish P.Geo and a member of the European Federation of Geologists.

Name: Michael Niall McManus  
Job title: Founder - Director  
Organisation: EarthRoute Ltd  
Location: Ireland  
Profile: 
Over 20 years experience in Ireland, SE Asia, North America, Southern and East Africa, working within both private industry and central government. Mr McManus has an MSc in Mineral Economics from the Colorado School of Mines. In 2008 he received an award from Social Entrepreneurs Ireland for ReEnPower project for promoting the adoption of energy efficiency technology, resource efficiency, and small-scale RE while empowering communities. Appointed twice by the Irish High Court as an environmental expert. Currently promoting a real-time web Africa business content service Start-Up with Ent Irl funding.
Name: Thomas Molyneux  
Job title: Consultant  
Organisation: Self-Employed  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
From 1959-1991, I worked as an economic geologist for The Anglo American Corp. and De Beers Plc. doing mostly exploration for precious and base metals and diamonds and uranium. I worked in twelve different countries and I reached a middle management position in this group. It was and still is the world's fifth largest mining company. From 1984-1985, I was Acting Associate Professor in Economic Geology at the University of Washington in Seattle, USA. When there I visited several large mineral deposits in The Western United States.

Name: Susan Morrice  
Job title: Chairperson  
Organisation: Belize Natural Energy  
Location: United States  
Profile:  
I graduated from Trinity in Geology in 1976 and went to work for America/Canadian Stratigraphic in Denver but worked all over the world...from Asia to Alaska. Between jobs I was a school teacher and waitress which helped greatly with communication skills. Then I was area geologist for Knight Royalty Corp in North America. I felt the “can do” spirit of America and set up my own company and explored Morocco for Arco, Idaho for Quintana and North West Carboniferous Basin for N.W Exploration and Belize for Rankin Oil.

Name: Helen Robinson  
Job title: Manager  
Organisation: IBRC (SL)  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
My Trinity BA in Geology and an MSc in Mineral exploration from Royal School of Mines (Imperial College) helped me pursue a 10 year career as a geologist. Highlights include: working for a year in a gold exploration camp in the Coast Range Mountains in Canada; helping to develop the Lisheen zinc and lead mine in Tipperary; working for two of the largest Gold mining companies in the world (Newmont & Barrick) on the Carlin trend, USA, developing gold deposits as well as working underground and in open pit mines. I graduated with an MBA in 2002 and have worked in several Corporate Banks since.

Name: Andrew Scanlon  
Job title: Country Representative  
Organisation: United Nations Environment Programme  
Location: Afghanistan  
Profile:  
After Trinity I taught in China for a post-grad course on Geology. I studied a diploma in the Chinese language, worked as a conservation intern with WWF. I returned to Europe in 2004, took a Masters in Environmental Studies, then joined a German government project to support the Chinese national parks system. I joined the Conflict/Disasters Branch of the UNEP in 2008, as field coordinator, then country manager for Afghanistan and recently also South Sudan, and global policy work. Im interested in environmental NGOs in fragile/conflict settings and how to mobilise finance and technical skills.
Name: Christian Schaffalitzky  
Job title: Managing Director  
Organisation: Eurasia Mining Plc  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
I am an economic geologist (EurGeol, FIMMM, CEng, PGeo) with international experience of mineral exploration and project development. After graduating in 1976 I worked as a geologist for a multinational mining company until 1984 when I co-founded the CSA Group, specializing in mineral exploration management. As well as working for companies I completed assignments for the EU, UN and World Bank. Since 1994 I have had a corporate career, working for mineral companies on base and precious metals, also coal. I’m on the board of a number of companies and my day job is developing PGM projects in Russia.

Name: Simon Stringer  
Job title: MD  
Organisation: Leaf Environmental  
Location: United Kingdom  
Profile:  
I have had a varied career, starting with TEFL in Japan, then returning home and working as a junior manager with a major retailer. From there I moved to work in environmental consultancy, and thence to the Geological Survey, and returning to College to study for an MSc in Env. Science. After that I worked for another environmental consultancy or two before joining Repak. After a year there, I set up my own business called Leaf Environmental, followed by a couple of UK businesses. I am also a director and shareholder in another Irish start-up, Breezy Gardening.

Name: Eileen Van der Flier-Keller  
Job title: Associate Professor  
Organisation: University of Victoria  
Location: Canada  
Profile:  
After graduating from Trinity I moved to Canada to complete a PhD at Western University in Ontario in sedimentology and coal geochemistry. Since 1986 I have been a faculty member at the University of Victoria where my field of interest has evolved from sedimentary geochemistry to geoscience education and public awareness of science. I co-chaired the NSERC funded Pacific Centre for Research in Youth Science Teaching and Learning 2007-2011 and am currently president of the Canadian Geoscience Education Network. My "Field Guide to the Identification of Pebbles" is a children’s bestseller.
PLANT SCIENCES & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES GRADUATES

Name: Conor Buggy (unable to attend launch)
Job title: Lecturer in Occupational and Environmental Studies
Organisation: UCD
Location: Ireland
Profile:
After TCD I worked for a local authority before my 5 year PhD at DCU. I worked for 5 years in the private sector as an environmental consultant for a major international engineering firm on a wide range of national infrastructure projects using various environmental assessment procedures. I became a lecturer at UCD in 2010 and coordinate one undergraduate and one postgraduate continuous professional development programme (online teaching). I lecture for the TCD-UCD Masters in Development Practice and I also research climate change awareness in Tanzania with a TCD colleague.

Name: Eoin Burke
Job title: Teacher
Organisation: City of Dublin ETB
Location: Ireland
Profile:
After completing my degree I attended UCD, completing a MSc in Environmental Science, following that I worked for 18 months in a water and soil testing lab, then I completed a PGD in Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance and Biotechnology in DIT then did the PGDE in UCD and have been teaching since then. I currently teach FETAC level 5 modules including Anatomy and Physiology, Food Chemistry, Nutrition and Microbiology in Colaiste Ide in Finglas. Several of my students from the General Science course here have ended up attending Trinity.

Name: Laura Clifford
Job title: Commercialisation Support
Organisation: Dublin City University
Location: Ireland
Profile:
After graduating, I spent 18 months as a Scientific Copy Editor before embarking on a 13 year career in business development and sales management in the laboratory technology industry. I recently completed an MSc in Technology & Innovation Management, which has allowed me to make a transition into the commercialisation of research.

Name: Robert Fennelly
Job title: Ecologist
Organisation: Jacobs Ltd.
Location: Ireland
Profile:
Paid taxonomic research assistant with two botanical research publications. Ecologist with 7 years experience in ecological consultancy sector in Ireland and the UK. Active field ecologist with botanical and ornithological research interests.
Name: Martina Hennessy  
Job title: Head of Informatics  
Organisation: Environmental Protection Agency  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:
After graduation I completed an MSc in Geographical Information Systems at the University of Leicester and since then have worked in a mixture of public and private sector organisations. I began working in analyst/developer positions, before moving into team leader and management roles. A lot of my experience has been in scientific organisations, but I have also spent time working in the multinational tech sector. I'm now leading the Informatics unit within the EPA, delivering a range of applications and services based on the data assets of the organisation.

Name: Garrett Kilroy  
Job title: Water Resources Consultant  
Organisation: Independent Consultant  
Location: Philippines  
Profile:
- Water, Climate and Environment Consultant based in Manila, Philippines.  
- Consultant on impacts of climate change for the IDRC/DFID Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative in Africa and Asia (CARIAA)  
- Developed a new river basin programme on climate change adaptation, for ICIMOD for the Koshi river basin shared between China, Nepal and India.  
- Groundwater consultant to Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support India’s National Action Plan for Climate Change.  
- Evaluation expert for European Commission and Irish EPA

Name: Cliona O'Neill  
Job title: Head of Student Experience  
Organisation: Higher Education Funding Council for Wales  
Location: United Kingdom  
Profile:
When I completed my PhD I wanted a non-lab-based role. I undertook a series of postdoctoral positions, which increasingly focused on education and training. These experiences used the skill set I gained through my range of qualifications, and in addition gave me a background in policy and skills. I then worked in educational policy at institutional level. I subsequently got a job at the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, where I am responsible for learning, teaching, students, teacher training, quality, technology as it is used in higher education, and medical provision.

Name: Hazel Proctor  
Job title: Principal Design Consultant  
Organisation: Rhubarb and Roses Garden Design  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:
For over a decade I have worked and studied in a range of fields namely horticulture, environmental science, climate change research and aerobiology. I have a BSc in Horticulture (2007) from the National Botanic Gardens and an M.Sc. through research in Botany (2012) from TCD which I was awarded whilst working as a Research Assistant in the Botany Department. I have since gone on to lecture the principles of horticulture and am now running the Beginners Gardening Course at the TCD Botanic Garden. I also run my own garden design consultancy called Rhubarb and Roses Garden Design.
Name: Barbara Rafferty  
Job title: Programme Manager  
Organisation: Environmental Protection Agency  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:
• 1984: BA (mod) Zoology TCD  
• 1989: PhD in marine ecology from Environmental Sciences Unit.  
• 1990: Radiological Protection Insitute of Ireland (RPII). Initially researching the behaviour of Chernobyl fallout in terrestrial ecosystems. Progressed through RPII in scientific managerial roles - emergency preparedness, radon research, environmental monitoring etc.  
• 2001: Seconded to the Department of Public Enterprise working on nuclear policy matters  
• 2004-2014: RPII Head of corporate affairs - finance, HR, IT, comms, etc  
• 2014-present: Head of EPA Radon and Radiation Measurement Services  

Name: Barry Sheridan  
Job title: Principal Environmental Consultant  
Organisation: URS Group  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
Barry Sheridan BA Mod Env Sci, HDip Business and IT, HDip Env Eng, HDip Acoustics. 4 years in the public sector, in Dublin Airport as environmental scientist, 10 years private sector environmental consultancy, specializing in acoustics: noise and vibration.
Name: Edmund Barrow  
Job title: Director Global Ecosystem Man. Prog.  
Organisation: IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature  
Location: Puerto Rico  
Profile:  
Edmund has worked in over 20 countries in Africa and globally for 40+ years. He is Global Director of IUCN’s Ecosystem Management Programme with responsibility for IUCN’s global work on Drylands, Adaptation & Disaster Risk Reduction, & the Red List of Ecosystems. Edmund has extensive working experience with sustainable development in different ecosystems (drylands, forests), with much practical field experience in different long term projects. He has been very involved in ecosystem (especially forest) restoration and participatory approaches to conservation.

Name: Richard Donnelly  
Job title: Aquaculture Business Planning Manager  
Organisation: Bord Iascaigh Mhara  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
Following graduation from the Zoology Department I completed a MSc. in conjunction the Marine Harvest. After this I worked as a biologist with ESB Fisheries and the Inland Fisheries Board. As part of a slight career change I became Sales & Marketing Manager with Pan European Fish Auctions in Belgium and developed sales of seafood in Europe and Asia. I then became involved in the Marketing Division of Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) to develop sales of Irish seafood worldwide. I am currently with BIM and working mainly with aquaculture producers as a business development advisor.

Name: Declan Fallon  
Job title: Senior Market Technician  
Organisation: ActivateClients Ltd.  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  

Name: Caroline Garrett (unable to attend launch)  
Job title: Principal  
Organisation: Oatlands College, Mount Merrion  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
Following graduation from my Primary degree, I completed my H Dip Ed. I then spent 24 Years teaching Science and Mathematics working primarily with disadvantaged students, I also took on various roles in Middle Management increasing my skills base. In 2002 I obtained a M.Sc. in Educational Management. In 2006 I took up the position of Deputy Principal and in 2013 the position of Principal in my current school Oatlands College.
Name: Mai Hanlon (unable to attend launch)  
Job title: Country Manager  
Organisation: Tillotts Pharma Limited  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
I have worked in the pharmaceutical industry since leaving college. I have held a number of roles, mostly in sales & marketing and I'm currently Country Manager for a Swiss based Japanese owned company. I have been directly involved in the industry trade association, the Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association and held the position of President. Throughout my career I have continued my studies concentrating on business subjects and have obtained qualifications in Marketing and HR, and an MBA. I have just completed a Master in Education in Trinity College.

Name: Natasha Kelly (unable to attend launch)  
Job title: Analytics Analyst  
Organisation: Accenture  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
I graduated from Zoology in 2004 then headed to America to do a PhD in Evolutionary Theory and Animal Behaviour at Yale University. Following completion of my PhD in 2011, I worked for a year as a postdoctoral research associate before deciding to leave academia and return home to Ireland. I wanted to find a career that allowed me to use the skills I had developed during my years in science: analytical thinking, mathematical modelling and statistics, so joined Accenture’s Analytics Centre in 2013, where I've worked on fraud prediction, customer segmentation, & credit risk projects.

Name: Ciaran Meghen  
Job title: Managing Director  
Organisation: IdentiGEN Ltd.  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
Following my primary degree in Zoology I commenced doctoral research in Bovine Molecular Genetics in TCD in 1992. Before completing the PhD I established a campus company, IdentiGEN Ltd. in 1996, which develops DNA based diagnostic applications in the meat and livestock industry. My career has been defined by the growth and development of IdentiGEN. From our first lab in an attic in Westland Row to now operating laboratories in Ireland, UK, USA and Canada, IdentiGEN has grown steadily over the past 15 years.

Name: Peter Norton  
Job title: Previous University Lecturer then Clergyman  
Organisation: Retired  
Location: Ireland  
Profile:  
- TCD 1957-61 (scholar) Zoology, Botany, Geology  
- Cambridge 1961-64 PhD Paleoeocology (Marine Molluscs, early Quaternary).  
- Glasgow University 1964-78 Lecturer/Student Adviser in Zoology.  
- 1978-2004 ordained in Church of England and served rural ministry in Cumbria.  
- 2004-2008 retirement, Research Associate in Norfolk Museums service, curating and documenting Mollusc collections ('MODES' software)  
- 2008-present, moved to Wicklow town. Travels, incl Galapagos, Pamir Mountains and Antarctica. Assist with local parish. Voluntary work as Mountaineering Ireland environmentalist in Wicklow Mountains.
Name: Michael Parker  
Job title: Snr Research Associate  
Organisation: Centre for Science and Policy, Cambridge University  
Location: United Kingdom  
Profile:  
40 years of experience in the Irish and British Civil Service, in field/lab marine science, in managing and commissioning research, negotiating international science agreements and science based environmental conventions, director of a laboratory and senior roles in science policy; retired as Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser at the UK department for the Environment (Defra). Now based in academic and researching history of science policy and evidence-based policy making.